

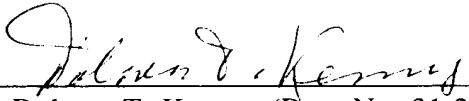
REMARKS

Claims 32-64 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, a claim for priority to a prior filed U.S. Provisional application has been added to the specification in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 119(e).

The amendments to the specification clarify the text and obviate some typing and punctuation errors. The amendments do not introduce new matter or affect the scope of the claimed subject matter. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. A clean set of new claims has been submitted. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

The foregoing amendments are submitted in advance of prosecution so as to expedite the prosecution of this application. Early and favorable consideration on the merits is solicited.

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In the Specification

Paragraph beginning on page 3 of page 10 has been amended as follows.

The type and amount of monoalkanolamide and emulsifying surfactant employed for preparing the inventive surfactant emulsions is limited only to the extent to which the emulsifying surfactant is capable of emulsifying the monoalkanolamide and producing a monoalkanolamide surfactant emulsion. Preferably, a monoalkanolamide surfactant emulsion contains, on a total emulsion weight basis, about 1 to about 30 weight percent [of] or an active weight basis of a monoalkanolamide [is] emulsified with about 5 to about 30 weight percent on an active weight basis of monoalkanolamide emulsifying surfactant. --

Paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 10 has been amended as follows.

The emulsifying surfactants preferably, without being limited thereto, are water soluble surfactants or salts thereof selected from the group consisting of amphoteric surfactants, zwitterionic surfactants, anionic surfactants, nonionic [surfactants'] surfactants, cationic surfactants and non-interactive mixtures thereof. It is recognized that interaction between certain cationic surfactants and anionic surfactants may occur which precipitate as water-insoluble solids, but it is also recognized that compatible mixtures of cationically charged surfactants and anionic surfactants are known in the art. Thus, the type of emulsifying surfactant and surfactant mixture employed is

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not limited so long as interaction, if any, between surfactants does not result in solid precipitate formation and interfere with the formation of the monoalkanolamide surfactant emulsion.

Paragraph beginning on line 4 of page 12 has been amended as follows.

Anionic surfactants preferably include, without being limited thereto, alkyl sulfates, alkylether sulfates having from 1 to about 10 moles ethylene oxide groups, acylisethionates, sarcosinates, sulfosuccinates and alkali metal salts thereof, wherein the alkyl group or acyl group has from about 8 to about 24 carbon atoms, preferably from about 12 to about 18 carbon atoms, and mixtures thereof. Sodium salts of alkylether sulfates having an average range of from 1 to 4 moles, preferably 3 moles, ethylene oxide are particularly preferred.

In the claims:

Claims 1-31 have been canceled.

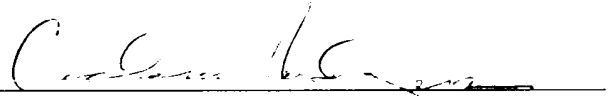
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